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Roswell Issues Fire Restrictions for Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

Roswell, NM – As high temperatures and high fire hazardous conditions continue, the BLM Roswell Field Office is issuing fire restrictions effective immediately on public lands located at the Fort Stanton ACEC. Fire restrictions include the following:

A permit is required for building or using a fire, campfire, charcoal boiler or wood stove, except in developed camping and picnicking areas. Devices allowed are petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or other heating devices. No smoking is allowed, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, in a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Fireworks are prohibited, including “safe and “sane”. A permit is required for chainsaws. Welding or operating acetylene or other torches with open flame.

Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in working order. Possess or use of a motor vehicle off a designated roads system, except parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway or parking overnight in developed campgrounds at trailheads.

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000.00 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both.

This will remain in effect until further notice.

For more information contact the BLM at 505.525.4342, or check out these websites:
http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swainfo/firerestrictions/swa_restrictions_nm.htm -- New Mexico
http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swainfo/firerestrictions/swa_restrictions_closures.htm -- New Mexico and Arizona.

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